GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department - Disciplinary proceedings initiated against Sri K. Kalappa Naidu, Forest Range Officer (Retd.), formerly worked at Kuppam Range, Chittoor West Division, Chittoor, under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 read with Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 – Inquiry Conducted – Show-cause Notice issued – Written representation received - Further action dropped – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 92 **Dated: 21-07-2025**

Read the following:-

1)From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri, Letter Ref.No.7953/2019/A&DC-1(v), dated 22.08.2024 and even no. dated 05.02.2025.
2)Govt. Memo.No.1798/Sec.IV/A2/2024-2, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology (Sec.IV) Department, dated 04.04.2025.
3)From Sri K. Kalappa Naidu, Forest Range Officer (Retd.), formerly Kuppam Range, Written representation, dated 05.06.2025.

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ORDER:

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri has informed that the following Articles of Charges were issued to Sri K. Kalappa Naidu, Forest Range Officer, formerly worked at Kuppam Range of Chittoor West Division, Chittoor by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force vide Ref.No.7953/2019/Vig.1(iii), dated 26.06.2020, under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991:-

Article-I:*"That, the said Sri K. Kalappa Naidu, Forest Range Officer(U/s), Kuppam Range has procured 15000 Kgs quantity of seed of value of Rs.14,42,609/- miscellaneous seed under NREGS scheme was incurred without following due procedures like contacting local State Silviculturist, Tirupati regarding availability of seed, not testing the quality of seed, not maintenance the distribution register submitted bills to the Divisional Forest Officer, West and got deposited into Forest Range Officer account directly without making payment into the supplier's account as per NREGS Guidelines and Government instructions issued in Memo.No.877/EGS/SPM(T)/2017, O/o Commissioner, Panchayat Raj, Rural Development, Vijayawada dt.26.09.2017 which leads to financial indiscipline and also proper documentation is not maintained. He failed to show the connected records of payment details of seed procured and utilized to Divisional Forest Officer (Vigilance) which clearly shows that the Forest Range Officer, Kuppam colluded with the then DFO., Chittoor West Division, Chittoor in swindling the amounts on procurement of seeds there by violated Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964".*

Article-II:"*That, the said Sri K. Kalappa Naidu, Forest Range Officer (U/s) during his period of working as Forest Range Officer, Kuppam has allowed the Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department to do non-forest activity (i) formation of road from Burugupalle to Mallappakonda temple which falls in Compartment No.328 of Mallappakonda RF and also another road near the foothills of Betrayswamy temple to the extent of 320 mts. in Compartment No.332 of Mallappakonda RF in Kuppam Range and (ii) construction of community hall near Betrayswamy temple in the Reserve Forest area without obtaining prior permission from Government of India as per Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. He has neither insisted the user agency*

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to submit proposals forgetting clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 nor made any efforts to instruct the forest subordinates or himself to book the offence case against the user agency under A.P. Forest Act,1967".

Article-III:"*That, the said Sri K. Kalappa Naidu, Forest Range Officer (U/s) has incurred an expenditure of Rs.9,34,383/- towards the construction of Singamanukunta under NEERU- MEERU during 2016-17 as new work for the already existing work with some repairs".*

2. The Charged Officer has acknowledged the receipt of Articles of Charges on 27.06.2020 and submitted his Written Statement of Defense to the Inquiry Officer. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force has appointed the Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuram Circle and the Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor (West) Division, Chittoor as Inquiry Officer & Presenting Officer respectively, in Proc.No.7953/2019/Vig-1(i&ii), dated 14.10.2020, for conducting the regular inquiry.

3. The Inquiry Officer & Chief Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuram Circle has completed the Inquiry and submitted his findings in Rc.No.2444/2020/M2, dated 04.12.2021, wherein he has held that all the three (3) charges framed against the Charged Officer were held proved in the inquiry.

4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., has communicated the findings of the Inquiry Officer to the Charged Officer in Ref.No.7953/2019/A&DC-1, dated 11.01.2022, for submission of his Written representation. The Charged Officer acknowledged the receipt of final notice and submitted his Written representation, dated 16.02.2022 wherein, he did not submit any valid points.

5. Further, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri has informed that, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuram Circle has submitted the revised check slip information in which he stated that, there is no financial loss to the Government; and hence, the same may be considered.

6. The disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980, since the Charged Officer has retired from Government service on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.06.2020.

7. After careful examination of the matter keeping in view the findings of the Inquiry Officer, Government have taken a provisional decision to impose a penalty of "Withholding of two percent (2%) in monthly pension for a period of two (2) years" against Sri K. Kalappa Naidu, Forest Range Officer (Retd.), formerly worked at Kuppam Range, Chittoor West Division, Chittoor, under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980. Accordingly, in Govt. Memo. 2nd read above, a Show-Cause Notice was issued to the retired Charged Officer, for submission of his representation if any, on the proposed penalty. The Charged Officer has submitted his written representation vide reference 3rd read above, wherein he has requested to drop further action against him.

8. Government after careful examination of the matter keeping in view of the recommendations of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri & Chief Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuram Circle, and action taken on other officers involved in the case, have decided to drop further action against Sri K. Kalappa Naidu, Forest Range Officer (Retd.), formerly worked at Kuppam Range, Chittoor West Division, Chittoor in the disciplinary proceedings, under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980. Accordingly, Government hereby order to drop further action against Sri K. Kalappa Naidu, Forest Range Officer (Retd.), formerly worked at Kuppam Range, Chittoor West Division, Chittoor in the disciplinary proceedings, under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

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9. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri shall take necessary further action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G.ANANTHA RAMU
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri K. Kalappa Naidu, Forest Range Officer (Retd.), formerly Kuppam Range, Chittoor West Division, Chittoor **through** the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri.

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The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
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SECTION OFFICER